

STATEMENT BY SENATOR STROM THURMOND (D-SC) IN UNITED STATES
SENATE ON RED DRIVE TO INTEGRATE THE RACES, MARCH 26, 1956.

Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent to have inserted in the body of the Record/an article by the Associated Press, published in The State, of Columbia, South Carolina, March 25, and in other newspapers throughout the country. The headline on the story says: "'Red' Drive Against Dixie Is On In Ohio."

This article is direct evidence/that the Communists want to create disorder and to disrupt the harmonious relations/which have existed for generations between the white and Negro races in the South.

The office of the Attorney General of Ohio/is quoted as saying that a communist-inspired drive/is on in Ohio/to enlist members of the Labor Youth League/in a campaign for federal intervention in the racial segregation issue/which has been thrust upon the South. The Labor Youth League/is described as the communist party's "youth arm."

Objective of the drive/is to mobilize members and friends/ to bring maximum pressure on President Eisenhower and the Federal Government/to intervene in the South to force integration of the races.

Mr. President, this is a concrete example of the efforts of the agitators/to create trouble in this country/between persons who normally would be living harmoniously. Their approach through the youth of Ohio/will be noted/because it is easier to sway youth into making wrong decisions/than it is to mislead more mature minds.

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This is a vicious attack/upon the people of the South and the people of this entire nation/who believe in constitutional government. It is a serious matter/and the Attorney General of Ohio is to be commended/for alerting the nation/to this subtle new danger which has been conceived by the communists. It is evidence of their avowed purpose/ of creating trouble/by infiltration/and by the planting of un-American ideas in the minds of our youth.

Mr. President, I hope this will serve as a Red~~x~~ stop light/to persons who have agitated ^{for integration} ~~this~~ issue. They should be forewarned/by this information from Ohio/that such agitation/serves the will of the communists. It breaks down constitutional government, just as the communists wish, instead of strengthening constitutional methods.

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